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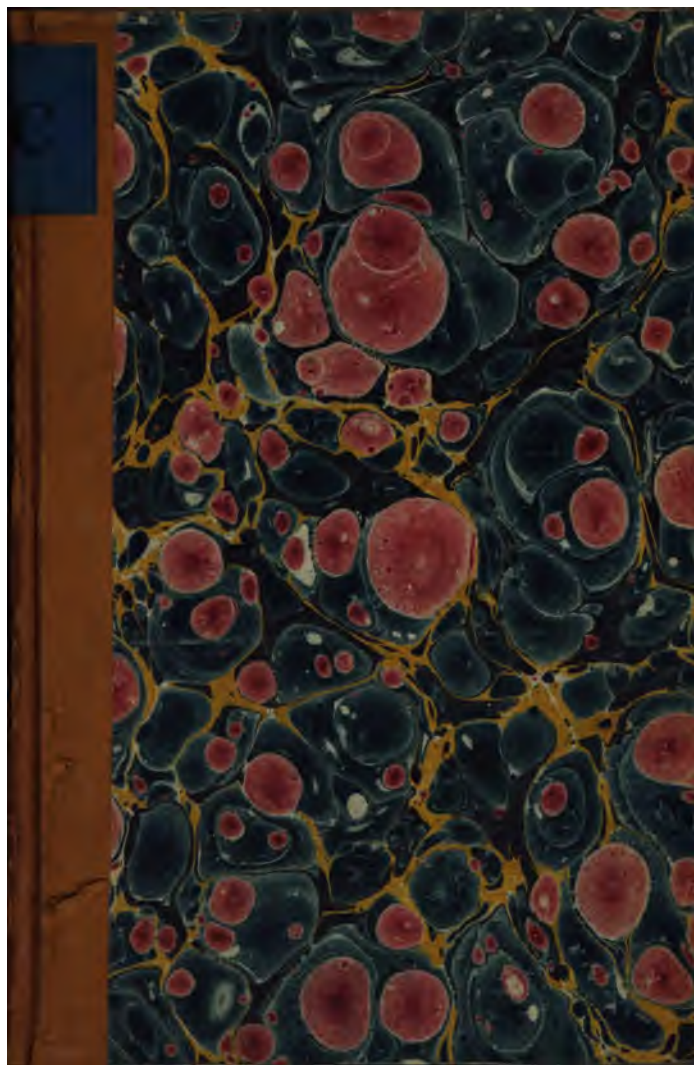
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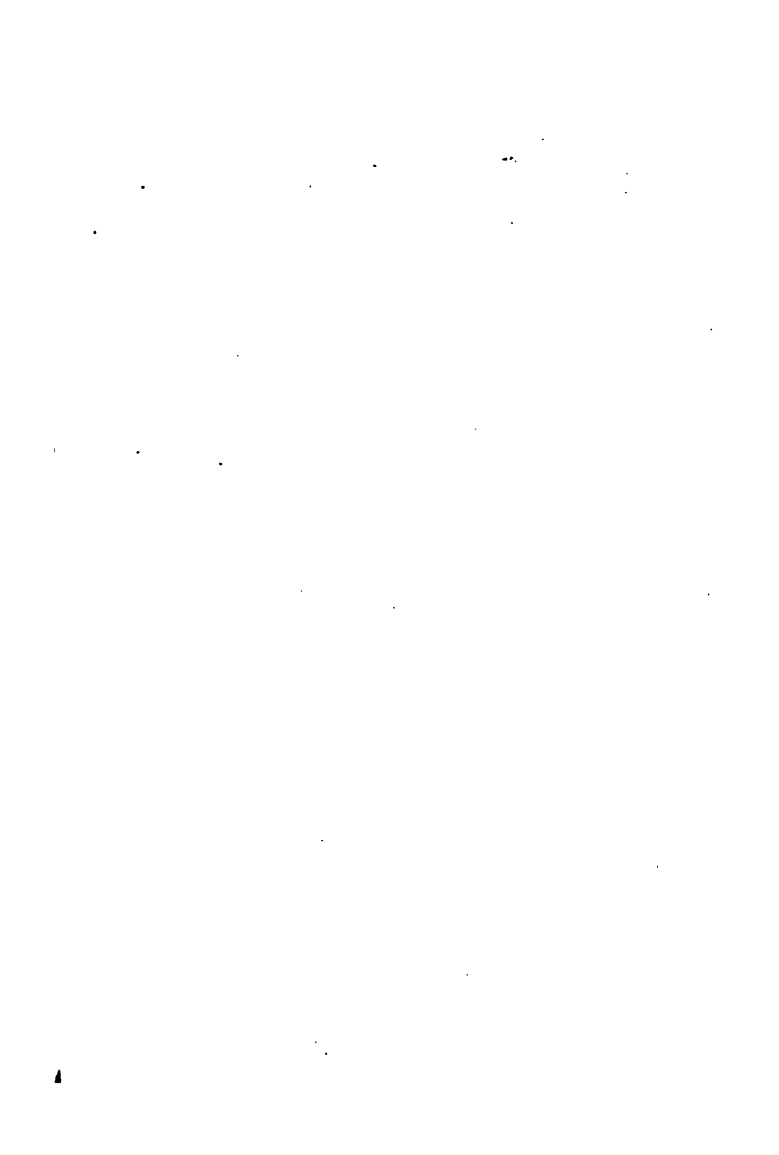
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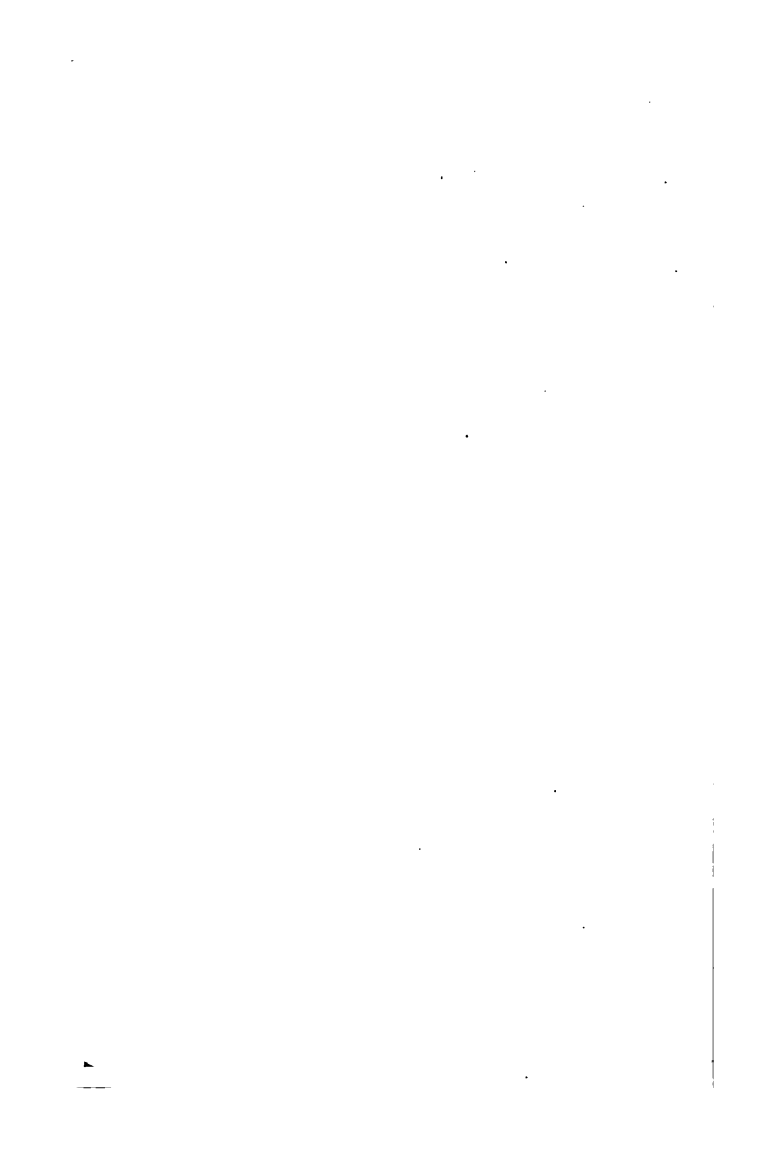
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or without exposition, upon any single subject which he has wished to introduce in family worship. Not having been able to ascertain the existence of any similar selection in a convenient form, he has compiled the following one, with the further object of affording assistance to Scripture Readers, and to District and Parochial Visitors.

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As an aid in family worship, the following selection may be found useful in suggesting portions of Scripture adapted to some of the forms of prayer which are in use, and upon the subjects of sermons recently heard. Passages not obviously and primarily applicable, without the aid of com-

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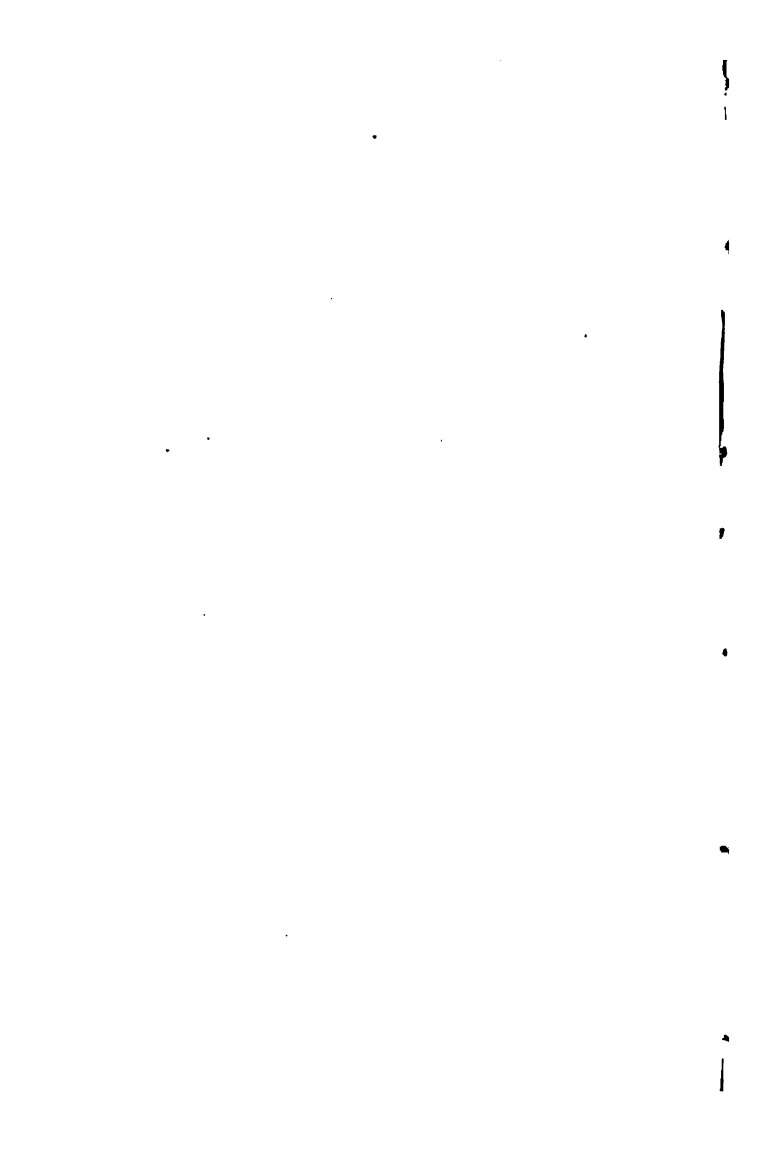
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ment, are generally excluded; and none are provided for Church seasons, as appropriate readings for these will be found referred to in the Book of Common Prayer. A complete index to all the paragraphs of the Bible is quite beyond the compiler's intention. The selections are arranged under each head, in the order of their occurrence in the Bible, rather than in that of their relative appropriateness, it being left to the individual reader to distinguish by marks, those which are, in his judgment, the most applicable.

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He humbly trusts that the Holy Spirit, who guides into all truth, has directed him, in some measure, in his researches in the inspired volume of "doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness," and that he will, through this unworthy agency, enable many more readily to choose for themselves, and to divide to others "their portion in due season."

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